

Appl. No. 10/603,883
Reply to Office Action of 10/04/2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed 10/04/2005, and the subsequent PTO Notices mailed 1/10/2006 and 04/19/2006. In response thereto, Applicants hereby re-confirm that they elect to prosecute **Group I defined by Claims 1-39.**

In further response, Applicants elect to prosecute the following subspecies: **Claims 9, 14, 18, 21 and 24.**

This Amendment confirms the elections proffered in the Preliminary Amendment faxed 10/26/05 (electing claims 9, 14 and 18) and additionally includes the election of Claims 21 and 24.

The previous amendments to the claims and specification have been repeated in this Response to the PTO Notice. By this Amendment, the specification has been amended to provide more proper antecedent basis for the language in Claim 10. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to clarify that the detachable cryosurgical probe is the portion of the cryosurgical probe system that has these dimensions. Claims 9 and 38 have been amended to use the length ranges expressed in the specification. It is noted that these length ranges indicate some preferred ranges and should not be deemed limiting in nature. Furthermore, no new matter is deemed to have been added by way of these amendments.

In view of the foregoing Amendment and remarks, it is respectfully urged that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action as well as passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner has any further questions, or believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to the advancement of the prosecution of the subject application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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